

## The Palatka News and Advertiser

### A BIG DAY IN PALATKA.

Thousands of People Visited the City on Tuesday, July 29th.

EVERYTHING PASSED OFF QUIETLY.

The Base Ball Games and Yacht Races Were the Features of the Occasion.

Amid the blare and discourse of two brass bands and the whistle and puff of many special excursion trains and the clanging of bells and the rumbling of wheels, Palatka's gala day was ushered into materialization on Tuesday the 29th inst. The day opened fair and fine and up until near mid-day the atmosphere was cool and bracing, and there was nothing to mar the pleasure of the large concourse of people who were the guests of the city on that occasion.

The special excursion trains began to arrive in the city at about 10:30 o'clock, the one from Ocala, Gainesville and other points on the Atlantic Coast Line being the first to come in. Following this came the Georgia Southern & Florida special, from Valdosta, Lake City and intermediate points, loaded down with human freight. This train had to press into service many box cars to accommodate the crowd. Next the special over the A. C. L. from DeLand, Sanford and intermediate points, south, arrived and this was equally as well patronized as the other trains. All the steamers that could be pressed into commission were loaded to the gunwales with passengers from points up and down the river. It would be safe to estimate the crowd at 7,000 people, but we will take the benefit of the doubt and place the figure at 6,000.

All the places of business in the city presented a patriotic and gala appearance with their tasty decorations of flags and bunting. Everybody was gay, and our town threw wide open the doors of hospitality and did everything possible for the amusement and entertainment of its visitors.

On all the principal streets tanks and barrels were placed in convenient locations and these were supplied with an abundance of ice water free to all, and at almost every turn lemonade vendors, with receptacles overflowing with the acid beverage of many colors, plied their trade and raked in the coin. And there also were the sandwich dealers in all their glory to satisfy the wants of the inner man.

The music throughout the day was such as only Palatka organizations can furnish—the very best. The Palatka Citizens Band, composed of eleven pieces, entertained the down town crowd, while the Gem City Cornet Band did business at the upper end of Lemon street.

The base ball tournament opened at the park at 11 o'clock with a match game between the Ocala and DeLand teams, and this occupied the noon hour. Nine innings were played and the result was a victory for the Ocala nine by a score of 4 to 1. The attendance was good.

At 3 o'clock the game between Palatka and the Oak Halls of Gainesville was called. The news of this game had been spread far and wide and was the greatest drawing card for the day. The management showed good judgment when it made arrangements for this game as was evidenced from the numerous telegrams and other inquiries concerning it. The investment was a good one. Everybody is satisfied except a few chronic grumblers who bore none of the expense and are a detriment to any community in which they live. But for that game of ball we venture to say that there would not have been 1,000 visitors to the city.

Judging from the sale of tickets about 1,500 people witnessed the contest. Unfortunately for Palatka, her pitcher was sick all the night before and was not in condition to play the game, but he settled down to business after the first inning. The Oak Halls made 6 runs the first time they were at the bat, but did not score afterwards. Palatka failed to score during the game. The score therefore was 6 to 0 in favor of the Oak Halls. There were few errors made on either side; it was a good, strong, clean game from start to finish, and was one of the most interesting and fiercely contested of the season.

Very few of our people have seen the Oak Halls play ball for three or four years, and a large number did not have a very favorable opinion of them; but those who witnessed the game Tuesday found that the present team is composed of a gentlemanly set of young men, and they made a favorable impression in the minds of our people. As we have stated before, they played a good, clean game. At 4 o'clock the yacht races began over the 8-mile course in full view of hundreds of people on the wharf.

There were three contestants, the Dolphin, Martha and Flukey. Two prizes were awarded, the first to the Dolphin and the second to the Martha.

In the race on Wednesday between the same boats, the Martha was the winner by a close margin.

A big dance at the Armory Tuesday night made an appropriate ending, and a large attendance was noted. The affair was a success in every particular. The music ceased at 12:30 o'clock a. m. and thus ended one of the greatest events in the history of our city—one long to be remembered by the many people who did us the honor to pay Palatka a visit.

Taking the day altogether everything passed off nicely and quietly. All business men of the city report a good patronage and are, therefore, happy and contented.

#### An Enjoyable Affair.

One of the prettiest and most enjoyable dances Palatka young people have been privileged to attend this season was the one given by the Gem City Guards at the Armory last Thursday night. While the soldier boys made no pretensions towards giving a formal affair, this hop took on a really swell appearance, however, devoid of all conventionalities which usually marks such occasions.

The rain during the former part of Thursday tended to make the atmosphere refreshing for the dance that night, and it was delightfully cool throughout the entire evening.

When the music started at 8:30 o'clock about 30 couples glided out upon the smooth floor and the dance began in earnest. The program consisted of twenty numbers, mostly two-steps with a semi-occasional waltz thrown in as spice.

Besides the town people quite a number of the young gentlemen from Fernandina, members of the base ball team that played here Thursday night, were present and those who participated seemed to enjoy themselves. There were also several visiting young ladies in attendance. The attendance altogether was about eighty persons.

When the midnight hour approached, the young people were reminded that "There's no Place Like Home," and as the last strains of this old familiar selection died away, one and all took their departure with many happy good nights, pronouncing the affair a delightful one and thanking the members of the company for the evening's entertainment.

#### Parker A. Smith.

Mr. Parker A. Smith, whose death was reported in our last issue, was born in Randolph, Vt., thirty-seven years ago. The early part of his life was spent in his native state. His health being poor he decided to come south, and located in Jacksonville, where he met and married Miss Clifford. Several years ago he came to Palatka, and upon the death of Mr. George Pace, was chosen cashier of the Putnam National Bank, which position he held until poor health caused him to resign about two years ago. A widow, one daughter, one brother and two sisters survive him.

The funeral services were held from St. Mark's Episcopal Church Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Douglas Matthews.

The pall-bearers were J. H. Haughton, W. S. Burdette, Henry Strunz, M. J. Murphy and Charles Burt.

#### Base Ball.

A second game of ball was played Thursday afternoon by the Palatka and Fernandina teams. At the close of the tenth inning the score stood 3 to 3. On account of darkness the game was then called.

With few exceptions the Palatka line up was the same as the day before. Watiles pitched both games and fanned 20 men Thursday. The visitors had a new man in the box.

Having played two successive days the Palatka boys were in bad shape to meet the San Mateo nine last Friday. The game resulted in a score of 3 to 1 in favor of the visitors.

#### Mr. Rogers Still in the Race.

A report is being circulated to the effect that Mr. T. J. Rogers has withdrawn from the race for county commissioner from the 3rd district. Mr. Rogers authorizes the News to state that this report is false. That he is still in the race and will remain there to the finish. He also requests us to thank those voters who cast their ballots for him in the first primary, and to ask them to stand by him in the second race.

#### A Distinguished Visitor.

Prof. J. M. Guillems, superintendent of East Florida Seminary and Military Institute of Gainesville, was in the city Tuesday and made our office a pleasant visit. Prof. Guillems speaks very encouragingly of the prospects of the seminary the coming season.

#### Big Mortgage.

A mortgage for \$20,000 was filed and recorded in the clerk's office, last week, covering all the lands of the Etowah Canal and Drainage company, located in this county. The mortgage is made to the Bank of Brookston, Brookston Indiana.

#### Books for the Library.

The Public Library has received a donation of several hundred books from the Public Library of Newark, N. J., most of the books have been covered and catalogued, and are now ready for distribution.

### City Happenings and Personal Mention.

R. F. Lyon, of Interlachen, was in town gala day.

Jesse E. Burtz of Gainesville was here Tuesday.

Percy Elder of Jacksonville, is visiting in the city.

Wm. McBride of Seville spent gala day in the city.

C. R. Johnson, of Daytona, spent Saturday in the city.

Mr. H. S. Wilson and family are visiting Detroit, Mich.

A. M. Plant, of Cairo, Ohio, was a visitor in town this week.

A. B. Brown of Lake City was an excursionist in town Tuesday.

Mrs. Sherman Fowler, of Hastings, was visiting in the city Monday.

Harry Clifford, of Jacksonville, was here several days last week.

Andrew Rice, of Green Cove Springs, spent Tuesday in town.

K. M. White of Crescent City was here seeing the sights on Tuesday.

Mrs. Keown, of Pomona, was a shopper in town one day last week.

Some people get overheated rushing around looking for a cool spot.

Mrs. M. W. Stewart of Jacksonville, is visiting relatives in the city.

Mr. W. H. Mann of Manville, is visiting his son, F. I. Mann, at Gilman, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Jahr and daughter, of Interlachen, spent Tuesday in the city.

P. D. Watkins, a progressive merchant of Putnam Hall spent gala day in town.

F. C. Waldron, one of Welaka's staunch citizens, paid the town a visit on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Smith of High Springs spent gala day in the city with relatives.

A. Postell, a prominent citizen and business man of Welaka, was in the city on Tuesday.

A. M. McIver has returned from Goodall, Fla., where he spent a well-deserved vacation.

Miss Kate Owens of Satsuma Heights, is the guest this week of Miss Minnie Bucky.

Ernest Barber, a prominent young man of Como, came to the city Tuesday to spend the day.

Miss Clyde Estes, after a severe attack of fever, is convalescent and is able to be up again.

Mrs. Sheldon and daughter of High Springs, were pleasant visitors in Palatka Tuesday.

E. N. Holt, treasurer of Clay county, of Green Cove Springs, was a visitor in the city Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Hamm and children spent several days of this week on the coast at Goodall.

Mrs. J. B. Flinn and her daughter, Mrs. Jno. D. Ringham, spent a part of last week in St. Marys, Ga.

Wm. Carman is over from Ocala on a three weeks vacation and a visit to home folks on the Heights.

Louis Canova spent an outing of a few days last week at Seabreeze, enjoying surf bathing and fishing.

States Attorney Neil M. Alfred of Ocala was paying his respects to many friends here on Tuesday.

Carlos Wall and Jas. E. Lane, of Putnam Hall, spent Tuesday in the city sight seeing and just for fun.

Mrs. S. V. Duke and her niece, Miss Maud Duke, of Gainesville, were visitors in the city Tuesday.

W. J. Deal, the millman of Grandin, took advantage of the excursion last Tuesday and visited this city.

Chas. Welch of Orlando prominent in military circles of that city paid friends in Palatka a visit Tuesday.

Improvements are being made at the Presbyterian church in the shape of a new sidewalk around the edifice.

Miss Nellie Usina expects to leave Saturday for a three weeks visit to friends and relatives in St. Augustine.

A large number of our citizens are visiting Seabreeze and other summer resorts, and more are to follow next month.

Misses Hesse and Constance Cooper of Jacksonville, are visiting Misses Blanche and Edna Crill on the Heights.

Miss Dillie Duke of Gainesville was a pleasant visitor in the city Tuesday, the guest of Mrs. Lyons, Oak street.

Dr. W. H. Rosenberg and family left this week for Old Orchard, Me., where they expect to spend the heated term.

M. W. Stewart, of Jacksonville, was noted among the many former Palatka boys who were on the big excursion Tuesday.

Chas. Kupperbusch, Jr. and sisters, Misses Edith and Minnie, came over from Goodall last Monday and spent several days here.

Mr. Johnson, one of the genial proprietors of the Seaside Inn, Goodall, Fla., visited our city last Saturday in the interest of his hotel.

The Osceola County Signal says that the marriage fever has struck Kissimmee and wonders if the doctors will quarantine against it.

Geo. Wood and Miss Dora Rehbehn of DeLand, spent gala day in the city with friends. They were accompanied home by Miss Fannie Wood who has been the guest of Miss Anna Gerber for the past two weeks.

The Misses Morans and Roberts of Jacksonville, spent gala day with the family of Mr. F. A. Gerber, returning to their home Wednesday on the early train.

Geo. Zehnbaur, of St. Augustine, was among the visitors in Palatka last Saturday. Mr. Zehnbaur was here on business connected with the F. E. C. Railway.

Bailey and Walter Robbins, Herbert Woltz, R. B. Trueman and Ernest Monday, of Jacksonville, were numbered among the excursionists to the city on gala day.

Miss Susie Morague, an accomplished young lady of Palatka, Fla., has been the pleasant guest of Mrs. J. W. Collins in this city for the past week.—Tallahasseean.

Mrs. J. G. Robinson and daughter, Miss Pearl Ringham, spent a few days last week with friends in Sisco and Satsuma Heights, returning home Monday afternoon.

Misses Kittie and Maud Segue and Elsie Usina, three entertaining young ladies of St. Augustine, were in Palatka several days this week, the guests of Miss Nellie Usina.

Hon. Robert W. Davis left for Miami Monday for a few days to be present at the 6th anniversary of the founding of that city. Thence he will go to Washington for a few weeks.

Wm. A. Russell, editor-in-chief of the News in Detroit, Michigan, his former home, where he is spending a short vacation with his parents. Mr. Russell will also visit other northern cities before his return home next week.

The attendance at the band concert last Friday evening was rather slim, owing to the inclemency of the weather, but the music was good just the same and citizens who ventured out to hear it felt doubly repaid for their trouble.

Rev. Thos. P. Hay, wife and little son Park, left Monday for the mountains in South Carolina. They will be gone about one month. There will be no regular preaching service in the Presbyterian church during the absence of the pastor.

The side walk in front of the Kimball House, so long in need of repairs, has at last been given some attention by the owners of the property. Shells have taken the place of the old torn up bricks, and this is an improvement, to say the least.

Acey Sawyer paid a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Albrow, in this city last Thursday. Acey has been for some time past an employee of the Merrill-Stevens engineering establishment, Jacksonville, and is becoming quite a skilled mechanic.

Fred Vassie, an old Palatka boy, was paying respects to his many friends in this city this week. Mr. Vassie intends to make his parents in High Springs a short visit, after which he says he may possibly return to Palatka to remain for an indefinite period.

Among the many people from Gainesville who came over to see the great ball game on last Tuesday we noted C. L. Carrier, M. S. Taylor, W. F. Pond, C. V. McKinstry, H. P. Robinson, J. E. Welch, A. L. Videll, A. D. Jernigan, Chas. Pinkoson and J. M. Rivers.

Chas. Leyvrez, a popular young man of Palatka, who has been in this city for the past two days visiting friends (and one especially), returned yesterday to his home. Mr. Leyvrez is very favorably impressed with Gainesville, and may decide to locate here within the next few weeks.—Gainesville Sun.

Dora Darling, a colored damsel of a belligerent disposition, went on the warpath last Monday afternoon near the tenderloin district in the western section of the city, and with a razor proceeded to carve one Mary Etta Wright, also colored, who had by some action or other caused her displeasure. Only a few rounds had been fought when Sheriff Howell appeared on the scene and arrested the pair. The Wright woman received several slight cuts in the arm as a result of the altercation.

The banquet to the Florida delegation given Wednesday night at the Windsor hotel by the Jacksonville Board of Trade was a brilliant affair and a grand success. Among the guests we noticed the names of the following gentlemen from Putnam: E. S. Crill, Robt W. Davis, Palatka; Frank McRae, Melrose; John P. Wall, sr., and J. P. Wall, jr., Putnam Hall. It is to be regretted that our esteemed Governor, William Sherman Jennings could not be present.

#### INTERLACHEN.

Our section has been visited by some fine showers the past two weeks. They will make the hay crop good. The rains are causing late peaches to split and will have the same effect upon the oranges; but the trees are full of fruit and a few splits will make no difference.

Mrs. Youce, formerly of this place, now living at St. Petersburg, visited her many friends here the past week.

Mrs. J. T. Jenkins is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Osteen, at Lakeland.

Rev. Mr. Saunders filled his appointment at the Methodist Church Sunday morning.

Miss Thekla Berkleman, who had been visiting her sister in Fitzgerald, Ga., for several months, returned home the past week.

A number of our citizens visited Palatka Tuesday to take in the sights.

#### Obituary.

Jefferson McMeekin was born in Putnam Co., Fla., near what is now the town of McMeekin, August 7th, 1860, and departed this life at his home in McMeekin, April 17th, 1902. Pneumonia was the disease to which his physical man yielded after an illness of eleven days. His system being very much run down, was unable to recover from the severe attack which came upon him.

Bro. McMeekin spent his life in the neighborhood surrounding his birth-place. In 1880 he united with the Baptist church at Ochewille, where he held his membership to the time of his death.

On January 20th, 1892, he was married to Miss Lavinia Newsome, who fell asleep the following May.

On July 15th, 1894, he married Miss Louise B. Chaires, who, with little Ellington, their only child, survives him.

Bro. McMeekin possessed an amiable disposition—good-natured, quiet, patient; was very careful of conduct and influence, shunning whatever might be reproachful. He was a good citizen, having the interest of others at heart. His life was not without test, and not all of his friends knew just what he was.

At the death of his first wife he became more spiritual, and his last testimony was: "I am not afraid to die and meet my God." Blessed are they who finish their earthly mission and are called home to rest.

Bro. McMeekin leaves a loving wife and little son, a fond mother, one brother, four sisters, and many relatives and friends to feel the loss of him.

May the God of wisdom and peace be gracious to all.

A brother in Christian faith.

R. N. SANDERS.

A Letter From Mr. Wall.

To the Voters of Putnam County:

The democratic primary election held on July 15th having resulted in the nomination of only one candidate from Putnam county makes a second primary necessary to determine who is the choice of the voters of the county for the other candidate. This second primary takes place on the 12th day of August, and I come before you asking your support on that day as a candidate to represent you in the lower house of the next legislature of Florida. If I am again entrusted with the interests of the people of my county at Tallahassee I shall do as I have ever done in the past, serve them to the very best of my ability.

In justice to myself and to the many friends who have stood by me so often, I deem it proper and right, in view of the closely contested race of the July primary, to clearly define my position on the various issues brought out in the canvass of the primary, and the principles upon which I enter this second campaign.

1st. I recognize the fact that the July primary has clearly demonstrated that the people of Putnam county are opposed to the measure commonly known as the "dispensary bill."

This question having been thus decisively settled without yielding any personal convictions, I shall no longer advocate the dispensary before the people nor in the legislature. If I should again be chosen to represent Putnam county in that body, the race between myself and my competitor is therefore reduced to a simple contest between us as individuals belonging to the same party.

Stripped of the dispensary issue, we both come before the voters with no difference as to our respective claims except that of legislative experience. If it should be found by the people that such difference does exist.

2d. If re-elected I shall do all I can to protect the public funds from extravagant appropriations or jobbery, thereby saving the people from increased taxation.

3d. I shall be in favor of amending Chapter 420 of the laws of Florida, by increasing the pay and allowing mileage to judges and justices who are compelled to attend the courts of County Judges and Justices of the Peace.

4th. I shall favor, as I have always done, a better system of public roads and highways, and a liberal school policy.

Trusting that the foregoing summary of principles may meet the approval of my fellow citizens, I respectfully solicit their support at the August primary.

Very respectfully,

J. P. WALL.

The title to Kansas City property valued at over half a million dollars has been clouded by a suit filed in the Circuit Court there by the heirs of the late Nancy Priddy. The property includes fifty-two acres in the fashionable residence district. Mrs. Priddy died in 1892. It is contended by her heirs, who are residents of Central Point, Ore., that she was sixty years old at the time of her death, while the defendants to the suit maintain that she was sixty-six years old. On this point the suit hinges. If she were but sixty years old she had not reached a lawful age to execute a deed at the time she disposed of her property here in 1882.

There is no record of her birth, the only evidence of her age being her tombstone, and the claim is made that it has been tampered with. The tombstone, a plaster cast of which was made in Oregon for use in the trial, shows this record: "Aged sixty years," but the other looks as though it might originally have been a "48," and it will be left to the court to decide whether it was or not. If the court declares her age to have been sixty years at the time of her death, the heirs will win.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

#### Notice!

To the survivors of the Seminole war of 1857 and 1858:

A law was passed by Congress and approved June 27th, 1902, extending the provisions, limitations and benefits of the act of 1892 to survivors of the Seminole wars of 1857 and 1858. I am now prepared to prosecute the pension claims of such surviving soldiers, and the widows of deceased soldiers of these wars, free of charge.

M. L. COXE.

July 24th—1902.

On Tuesday the ladies of the city sold refreshments in the store room next north of the postoffice and the handsome sum of \$35 was realized.

This money will be donated to the band for the purchase of new music.



**R. E. NEOK,**  
**The Photographer,**  
Has opened at the stand recently occupied by W. C. C. Branning,  
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Leading American and Foreign Companies.  
Accident Insurance:  
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The Old Reliable "Germania Life" of New York.  
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All Claims Promptly Settled.

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Palms, Ferns, Japanese Fernballs.  
A fine collection of Geraniums and Coleus.  
With many other desirable varieties of plants at the  
**Palatka Greenhouse,**  
Near Union Depot. Come and see.  
By Mrs. C. B. Heston.

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The house and lot in Block 75 of Palatka. Formerly occupied by Mr. Frank Hepburn and known as the Bungalow.  
For terms apply at office of  
**Henry Strunz.**

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**MAKE THE Largest, Hardest AND Best Fire Brick**  
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STOCK ALWAYS ON HAND at Tighman's Mill.  
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We have received a beautiful lot of Ladies' Ready-Made Skirts to be sold at a Big Bargain price and if you wish one, come down and see them. The prices are short, the skirts are long.

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Prides itself that it makes a better bread than any of its competitors.  
That's Why it Asks Your Trade.  
**Light Bread**  
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Our pies are as "good as mother made." And if you'll see our cake you'll say, "we'll take the cake."

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**Registration Notice.**  
The Registration Book for Putnam County will be open in my office at the Court House, in Palatka, for the purpose of registration, on the following days each week: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, from 9 o'clock a. m. to 12 m. and from 2 p. m. to 5 p. m., commencing August 4th 1902.

**HENRI PETERMANN,**  
Registration Officer.

**FOR THE LEGISLATURE.**  
I hereby announce myself a candidate for the State Legislature from Putnam county, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

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